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## MOUNTAIN LIFE CONFERENCE HERE

Big Meeting is Now in Progress in Louisa, With a Good Attendance

Fine Addresses by Varney and Ward Thursday Forenoon, with Others to Follow on Saturday Afternoon. Great Effort for Much-Needed Uplift Work to be made by Organization.

The Eastern Kentucky Mountain Life Conference opened its first session in the Methodist Church South in Louisa, Ky., on Thursday forenoon, by singing America.

Rev. W. A. Gaugh of the church followed by a statement of the scope of the work of the conference by Mr. K. L. Varney of Pikeville.

There were delegations present from various Eastern Kentucky counties, making a very creditable attendance. The delegates are mostly teachers.

Mr. Varney, the originator of this fine movement, made a most comprehensive statement of the needs of our mountain country and of his vision touching the problems. It is regrettable that all mountain people can not hear and feel the things expressed by him in that inspiring address.

Prof. W. B. Ward, of Paducah, was the next speaker. Like Mr. Varney, he is a native of our hills. Both spoke positively of our faults and needs, thus laying the foundation for the work of the conference and giving the body a clear insight into the things that must be overcome and corrected.

Prof. Ward's address was one of the very best of the meeting, because it could hardly be surpassed. His sparkling wit kept the audience alert while he drove home things needed to be said.

The NEWS went to press soon after the close of Prof. Ward's address. See the front page 4. Let us again urge you to attend these meetings.

Read what the Herald-Dispatch says of the movement if you have failed to grasp its importance.

**STAY IN YOUR HILLS.**

The following is an editorial from the Herald-Dispatch, Huntington, W. Va.:

The Herald-Dispatch does not remember having printed anything in recent months so fraught with pleasant thoughts or so promising in its relation to the future as the program for "The Eastern Kentucky Mountain Life Conference," to be held in Louisa next week.

If the people of Eastern Kentucky can be brought to discover their hills—to realize that the hills and not the city, not the prairie, not the mad whirl of commerce, not the glare of the "white way" offers the richest blessings of life and the greatest degree of security and contentment, they will have become enriched beyond measure.

These people, if they would be happy and do the best service for themselves and posterity, must not go out into the world to seek the comforts and mild distraction, the elements of refinement and convenience which many of them now find painfully lacking.

They must bring good roads, good schools and productive orchards into their hills.

They must not go to the city to find congenial or remunerative employment or association.

They must rather cultivate the conditions which will make their own simple employments remunerative and their associates as cultured and intelligent as any people on earth.

They must not go to the city to hear great preachers preach and great singers sing.

They must, by revolutionizing their environment, by building roads, by taking advanced ground in educational matters, by making their farms more profitable than gold mines, by cultivating the fine native talent of their young men and women induce great exponents of thought and theology to come into their own places of worship and lectureship.

The telephone, the daily newspaper, the Victrola, the piano, the best books and magazines are already available. With the advent of roads will come the automobile, already a common sight in many mountain communities. The advent of roads will also have a remarkable bearing upon social advancement. It will make the country school better than the city school. It will quicken the faltering pulses of the country church and bring a new lease of life to the spiritual community.

Blessed is the Kentuckian who is privileged to engage in "The Eastern Kentucky Mountain Life Conference." Blessed, thrice blessed, is the young Kentuckian man or woman who is afforded with the true vision of the hills; who can see the latent beauty, the latent glory, the almost bursting opportunity which lies in this prospect. God made the hills higher than the surest might linger on upon them. They are the ribs of the earth and the great heart of humanity beats warm beneath their folds.

A hill people, seeking to rehabilitate their hills, to bring to them and plant upon them and about them the richest gifts of civilization, to teach their boys and girls that opportunity is at home in the hills and that duty calls to the hills, is the sign of a glorious nation.

The happiest, healthiest, wealthiest people on earth twenty-five years from today will be those who have turned their eyes toward the hills and simple pursuits, having brought with them the intelligent virtues of refinement which

at present are most highly developed in the cities, and leaving behind them those vices which are common to the city and which cannot thrive in rural environment.

## RETURNS FOR VISIT AFTER TWENTY-NINE YEARS

Mr. Jesse Jordan of Indiana, was in Louisa Friday and called at the NEWS office. He moved from this county 29 years ago and is here to spend a few weeks visiting friends and relatives. He can not get over the country to see all his old friends and has written the following which will no doubt be read with interest by many of our citizens:

We left the northwest part of Lawrence county in 1888 and went to Bell county, Ky., of which Pineville is the county seat, on L. & N. railroad twelve miles north of Cumberland Gap and 291 miles from Louisville. From there we moved to Indiana five years ago last September, to Sullivan county, within ten miles of the Wabash river, in the northwestern part of the state.

I will be seventy-seven years old next May. Never had a lawsuit with a man in my life, never swore an oath in my life, never bet the amount of a penny. Have always tried to live a moral life and want to the balance of my days. Am back on a visit to see my friends and relatives.

I am a son of John W. Jordan. My mother was Martha Burgess daughter of Henry Burgess. Sr. As a boy I lived on Rich creek, then on Blaine, above Fallsville and from there moved to the Cat's fork country. Was married there to Miss Polly Thompson, a grand daughter of Martin Thompson. My wife is still living and our family all married. Will probably write again from home.

## PRESIDENT WILSON STATES PEACE TERMS.

ANOTHER STRONG MESSAGE TO THE WORLD DELIVERED THROUGH CONGRESS.

President Wilson personally delivered another message to the world through Congress Wednesday, setting forth most specifically the terms upon which peace must be based. It is a remarkably strong document.

In brief the United States, speaking through the President, said to Germany: "Give up military autocracy and military ideas, let all other peoples, weak and strong, alone, give up all attempts to limit the freedom of the seas, make reparation for Alsace-Lorraine, get out of Belgium, France, Poland, Rumania, Turkey, Rumania, Serbia, Montenegro and Italy and stay out; keep your hands off Austria-Hungary; agree to the establishment of an independent Polish State; make open covenants of peace in return for the taking 'peace' without a trade war upon you."

## INTERCEDE FOR MAJOR RICE.

Washington, January 8.—Representatives Langley and Field, of Kentucky to-day called on General McNair, of the War Department, in behalf of Major Rice, stationed at Camp Shelby, who it is reported has been asked to resign from the army.

Representative Langley said that Major Rice's resignation is on the way to Washington, but it appears that the Kentucky Congressmen are anxious to keep Rice's record clear in the matter. Major Rice formerly lived at Paintsville, Ky. He now is a resident, Langley said, of Huntington, W. Va.

## LIQUOR CARRIER IS KILLED.

St. Albans, W. Va., January 8.—Albert Caldwell, on his way from Catlettsburg, Ky., to Charleston with an automobile load of liquor, was killed at St. Albans to-day.

His neck was broken and 250 quarts of whiskey were dumped into the road. The negro accompanying Caldwell was arrested.

This is the danger zone and "whiskey happy" so through at high speed. The icy road and the skidding of the machine caused the accident.

## LAWRENCE COUNTY DOCTORS CALLED TO THE COLORS

Dr. L. S. Hays, of Charley, and Dr. J. C. Bussey, Jr., of Busseyville, have received orders to report for duty as army surgeons, under enlistment made some time ago. They are due at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., which is near Chattanooga, Tenn., next Thursday. These are bright and well equipped physicians and will do good service for their country. It is of interest to note here that Col. W. O. Johnson, son of Mrs. Zora Johnson, of Louisa, is the officer in charge at Fort Oglethorpe.

## TRAINS INTO WEEKSBURY.

The first train over the Baltimore and Ohio's left fork of Beaver Branch into Weeksbury, Floyd-co., the central industrial town of the Elk Horn Gas & Coal Mining company, was operated Monday and regular freight service will follow. It is said that passenger trains will be instituted within thirty days. The work was delayed several weeks owing to the severe weather prevailing in Eastern Kentucky.

## CHILD BURNS TO DEATH.

Hellier, Ky., January 8.—(Sp.)—The four year old daughter of Elie Gibson, Marlene Branch, near here, was burned to death when her dress caught fire from an open grate. A six year old sister who was the only one in the house at the time of the accident, almost got her hands burned off in an attempt to extinguish the flames that had ignited her sister.

## NEWPORT MAN KILLED AT McROBERTS, KY

JOHN V. LANG, PICTURE SHOW OWNER, KILLED BY AN ASSASSIN.

McRobert's, Ky., January 8.—John V. Lang, Newport, who conducted a motion picture show here, was killed at 1 o'clock this morning when walking with four companions in Cheese Fork. Sheriff H. P. Hardin tonight said he learned that after a bowling match with a team from Jenkins, which was played on alleys in the Welfare Building, Lang, accompanied by his cousin, Ray Lang, Lawrence Day, Henry Gilie and a man named Short, left for Jays Fork, for a purpose as yet unascertained. The party, returning to town, walked in Indian file down Cheese Fork, with Short in front, Lang next and Ray Lang following his cousin.

"Lang was heard to speak to an unidentified man who had accosted him," Sheriff Hardin says. "He was told several shots were fired, Lang being hit in his right temple and right leg. Lang lived two hours but did not regain consciousness. His body will be forwarded to Newport to-morrow. Sheriff Hardin has a clew to the identity of the slayer."

## \$20,000 FREAK DIES IN HELLIER.

Hellier, Ky.—A freakish calf that has been on exhibition here, valued at \$20,000, and perhaps the only one of its kind in the world, died here after an illness of one day. It appeared to be about two years of age, at time of death its hide will be carefully preserved, and probably will be sold to a museum.

## Description Of The Freak.

It was born on Glade creek, Nicholas county, W. Va. Its mother was a full-blooded Durham, its sire a Polled Angus. This freak which had been purchased for an enormous sum had four eyes and two mouths. It could eat out of either mouth; it could bawl in a fine tone from one mouth and coo from the other; it had two well-developed sets of teeth, was in perfect health, very playful and drank three quarts of milk each meal, previous to its death.

## People Eager To See Odd Calf.

"People had come here miles and miles around to see it. Thousands and thousands of people who have seen this freakish calf, declare it was a most mysterious spectacle. It is said, that \$15,000 worth of insurance was carried on the calf."

## BURIAL OF DR. FERGUSON AT FORT GAY SATURDAY

Dr. N. B. Ferguson died at his home in Huntington, W. Va., last Friday morning. His death had been falling several months, but up to a week previous to his death he was able to be out.

Dr. Ferguson was born at Wayne, W. Va., in 1853. His father, Jamison Ferguson is living at the age of 87 years. Dr. Ferguson received his degree in medicine in Cincinnati and practiced in Wayne, Ironton, O., and Huntington. He is survived by his wife and one daughter, Mrs. Myrtle George, of Ironton, O., two sons, Fred and Harry, one came over and spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harvey recently. The boys are taking advantage of the weather and spend some considerable time hunting.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harry Carr are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jason Taylor.

Mrs. Nannie Heltsley and little Miss Mary have returned home after an extended visit out in Todd-co., Ky.

Kelther Chapman returned to Naugatuck Sunday. He has a fine position with the coal mining company there.

Sam Eranham was on our creek recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Maynard of Williamson spent the holidays with home folks here.

Eva Harvey spent Sunday night with her sister, Mrs. Anne Fields.

Mrs. Heltsley went to Glenhays one day last week.

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Taylor Frazier is paying home folks a visit.

Sally and Briza Conley were calling on Josie Lambie Sunday evening.

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Mrs. Nettie Maynard attended the funeral of Mr. Lewis Maynard and spent some time with the bereaved family at Laurel.

Mrs. Arizona Conley spent Sunday with home folks. SMILEY.

## MISS PAIRLEE DAVIS MARRIED AT HOPKINSVILLE

SURPRISES HER FRIENDS SOON AFTER LEAVING LOUISA FOR HOME.

The news of the marriage of Miss Pairlee Davis at Hopkinsville was a great surprise to her many friends in Louisa and Lawrence county. The wedding took place at her home in Hopkinsville. She left Louisa December 22 and was expected to return the latter part of February to resume her work as Home Demonstration Agent. The fact that she will not return will be regretted very generally by the people with whom she has worked and associated, but the best wishes of all go out to her for happiness and prosperity. She is a genial, attractive and popular young woman, industrious, intelligent, well equipped educationally and otherwise for any station in life. She is sincerely interested in uplift work of all kinds and will make a most useful member of any community. She had served here two years and the results of her work will be of lasting and expanding benefit.

The Hopkinsville Kentuckian says: "Mr. Thos. E. Roberts and Miss Pairlee Davis were married January 2 at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Davis. Miss Davis returned from Louisa, Ky., at the beginning of the holidays, where she had been stationed for a year as county agent for Lawrence county. It was thought that her return was merely a visit to her father's family, and her marriage took her friends by surprise. Prior to her going to eastern Kentucky she was one of the county's most popular and accomplished teachers. She is an unusually attractive and charming young lady and her permanent return to Christian county is gratifying to her many friends."

Mr. Roberts, the fortunate groom, is one of the county's most substantial and enterprising young men.

## DONITHON.

Our teacher G. M. Copley has resigned as school teacher and returned to Portsmouth, O. He finds it necessary to stay at home on account of ill health in his family. We are sorry to lose him as he is a fine teacher and did excellent work the four months he was in school.

We are having some very cold weather here, still the neighbors find plenty of time to visit and return visits.

Mrs. Stella Elkins and children of West Virginia, have been the guests of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Joel Elkins. They were accompanied by Miss Mary Elkins.

Mrs. Mary E. Chapman has returned home after an extended visit at Kernit.

Misses Bessie and Jessie Moore, teachers came here to spend Christmas week with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Maynard and children were recently the guests of relatives at Fort Gay.

Gwinn Chapman has returned to Kernit.

Lindsey Lambert left last week to re-enter school at Huntington the first of the year.

We are sorry the cold weather has caused a hindrance to our Sunday school. We are hoping for better weather and better attendance soon.

Mr. Don Belcher, wife and children came over and spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harvey recently.

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## ANOTHER WAR TIME WEDDING.

The Huntington Herald-Dispatch gives the following account of the marriage of Miss Ruhama Dixon, of that city. Miss Dixon spent several weeks last summer with relatives at Kiae station and was a visitor in Louisa. She is the daughter of Ben Dixon, formerly of Louisa:

Added to the already long list of wartime weddings is one of unusual interest to this community owing to the popularity here of the bride, Miss Ruhama Dixon, who on Monday was united in marriage to Mr. Elmer Pugh, son of Judge and Mrs. Pugh, of Vanceburg, Ky., the wedding taking place at the Jefferson hotel in Newport, the only attendant from here being the bride's sister Miss Gladys Dixon. The bride is a very charming young lady, who since her residence here has formed a wide circle of friends, with whom she is very popular, her beauty and rare dignity endearing her to all who know her. The groom comes from a well-known and influential family of Kentucky as does the bride, whose grandfather was the late Judge J. P. Garland of Vanceburg. Immediately following the ceremony the young couple left for Miami, Fla., where, after spending a brief honeymoon the groom will go to training in the aviation corps, having been until recently stationed at Newport, L. I.

BRIDGE TO BE BUILT ACROSS THE BIG SANDY

Washington, Jan. 8.—The Senate today passed the Sutherland bill, which gives permission for the construction of a bridge across the Tag Fork of the Big Sandy river. The proposed structure will connect Pike-co., Ky., and Mingo-co., W. Va.

## MISS BLANCHE DEMPSEY MARRIED AT NEWPORT

WEDS MR. GUILLE, NOW LOCATED IN THE FAR WEST, IN THE OIL BUSINESS.

The Cincinnati Enquirer reports marriage license issued at Newport, Ky., to Walter A. Guille, age 36 of Lander, Wyoming, and Miss Blanche Dempsey, 22, of Louisa.

The bride is a daughter of the late John Dempsey, of Warfield. She has been making her home in Louisa a good portion of the time, since her father's death and has a number of friends here. Recently she has been at the home of Mrs. G. W. Atkinson. Just before the holidays she went to Huntington for a visit to relatives. The news about the marriage license was the first information received here about the marriage.

Mr. Guille is an oil man and was employed for quite a while in Martin-co., where he met Miss Dempsey. His work took him to Wyoming some time ago. Evidently the marriage was arranged to take place with Newport as the meeting place. Friends were not notified. The bride is a pretty and charming young lady, and Mr. Guille bears a good reputation.

## LAWRENCE COUNTY RED CROSS.

Last week we reported 1340 January 10 we have 1268. The increase by post offices is as follows:

Blaine	1	Louisa	5
Clifford	2	R. D. No. 2	1
Georges creek	6	Skaggs	2
Henrietta	3	Terryville	2
Hillsville	2	Uyases	1
Lawrence county	1	Vesale	1
Outside Lawrence county	1	Walls	1

Auxiliaries are organized at Wall, bridge, Gallup, Evergreen and Green Valley. By this time next week Webbville and Pellsburg, 125¢ worth of yarn in order and several bolts of goods for hospital garments. Auxiliaries will share these supplies when they arrive. Executive committee meeting next Tuesday evening.

## MT. ZION.

We are having some very bad weather at present. The roads are in very bad condition. It is almost impossible to do any kind of outdoor work at all.

Several of the boys from Camp Taylor visited home folks in this vicinity during the holidays.

Mrs. Kate Moore is sick at this writing with grippe.

Denver Clay went to Louisa Monday, accompanied by his mother, to visit Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Kirk.

Dowey Moore came home Saturday from Kenoia, W. Va., where he is employed.

Luther Powers and Billie Fannin have been hauling a fine lot of corn fodder from McIntyre this week.

Denver Clay had the misfortune of losing a nice young mare last week.

Corra Belle Perry, Opall, Denver and Virgil Clay and Paul Byington were calling on Fred Moore Wednesday. He had just arrived from Camp Taylor, Louisville, Ky., to spend a few days with home folks. SNOW BALL.

## BISHOP L. W. BURTON.

The Louisa friends of Bishop L. W. Burton of Lexington will be glad to learn that he will hold services in this city on the evening of Monday, March 18. The occasion being his Episcopal visitation to this place. Due notice of the place and hour where the services are to be held will be given later.

## PRICE OF MILK AND CREAM.

"Milk distributors take notice that there must be no increase made in the retail price of milk or cream after January 8 without written consent of the District Food Administrator." U. S. FOOD ADM.

## KILLED BY A POWDER EXPLOSION

SUMNER PACK, OF THIS COUNTY, ONE OF THE VICTIMS OF ACCIDENT.

Sumner Pack, age 19, was fatally injured at Powellton, W. Va., on Monday last week by an explosion of powder. He died on Friday and the body was shipped to the home of his father at Charley, this county. Another man, whose name we did not get was killed in the same explosion.

The affair occurred at a boarding house at night. Four miners were filling their powder cans for use in the mines the next day. One of them threw a few grains of powder into the open fire place and the flash of fire ignited the powder in the can, blowing a part of the house away and inflicting fatal injuries as above stated.

Young Pack was a son of Squiro Green Pack, a member of the Lawrence Fiscal Court. He went to Powellton as soon as the message was received about the accident and was with the body when he died.

## FROM CAMP LEE

December 31, 1917.

Base Hospital, Camp Lee, Va. To Editor: Big Sandy News.—Just a few lines to friends in Lawrence county from the boys at Camp Lee, Va. The boys here are well trained and are very anxious to go over to France and help to make the world safe for democracy. The boys are well treated here and are in good health. Here is the usual routine of Camp Lee. We arise at 5:45 a. m. and fall out for reveille at 6 a. m. Breakfast at 6:45, then out to drill at 7:30 until 11:30 a. m., coming in to the barracks. We then make a charge upon all cigarette and cigar butts, burnt matches, old chews of tobacco and all other litter that may be lying around our barracks. We have dinner at 12:30 and at 1:30 we are back again on the drill field until 4:30 p. m. We then return to our barracks and get cleaned up for our retreat from our beloved flag. At 5:15 we have our supper and are then at liberty to visit the nearby towns until 11 p. m. and on the whole we are having a very nice time.

We have received numerous gifts from the American Red Cross whose members are doing wonderful work for the boys in camp here and I will say that they are worthy of any support that can be given them for they are making a very great sacrifice.

Also, wish to thank the kind people of Lawrence county for their gifts to the boys in camp. These little gifts give the boys a lot of encouragement for they know that the people at home are still with them and are willing to stand with them.

We also have moving picture shows at the Y. M. C. A. and the K. of U. auditorium and have a very nice place here known as the Hostess House. This being conducted by the Y. M. C. A. This is where the women visitors that come here to see the boys wait for them. The Hostess House here is not equaled by any in the country and it is a very fine place.

We have all kind of athletic games here and boxing and other sports such as dancing and singing classes and have religious service here every Sunday for all the men in camp.

We had a very fine dinner here on Christmas and the bill of fare included everything that could possibly be gotten. They had music and songs furnished by the soldiers and had a good time in general. Here are a few of the songs of the day:

315 Red White and Blue,  
315 Red White and Blue,  
We're all true Americans through and through.

What will the Kaiser say when he sees old U. S. A?  
He knows he'll never lick us until union judgment day.

When 315 gets in the scrap we'll blow the Kaiser off the map.  
We'll go to war, we'll do it right.  
The best they've ever seen;  
God help the Kaiser—Here comes 315.

Kaiser Bill,  
God help Kaiser Bill,  
God help Kaiser Bill!  
Oh! Uncle Sam, when he gets the Infantry.

He gets the Cavalry,  
He gets the Artillery,  
Then, by gosh we'll all go to Germany.  
God help Kaiser Bill. Amen.

This song is to the popular air of The Old Grey Mare.

The boys here are very good to one another and are just like a big family and set along fine. I am here alone from